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In re Application of:

Givens

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ABSORBING LAYER TO IMPROVE  
METAL FLOW AND FILL IN A NOVEL  
INTERCONNECT STRUCTURE

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Sir:

The following amendments and remarks are filed in response to the Examiner's remarks in the Final Office Action mailed March 20, 2006, the three-month shortened statutory period for response to which expires on June 20, 2006. This response is submitted on or before two months from the mailing date of the Final Office Action.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 4 of this paper.

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